

Tuesday 13 September 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.37pm

Legislation

For full text of bills and other associated documents

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- □ Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006
- □ Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment (Industry Plans and Consumer Codes) Bill 2005
- □ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005

The following bills were considered

□ Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and 4 related bills—second reading debate continued [A Green amendment to postpone consideration of the bills until 4 October 2005 to be determined]

No bills were passed

See Committees for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Notices of motion given

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notices to disallow <u>various delegated</u> legislation [The regulations and determinations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notices are not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 13 September 2005–ie by 29 November 2005]

Notice of intention given to withdraw notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 18 and made under the Aviation Transport Security Act 2004 and the Aviation Transport Security (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2004

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow certain instruments was withdrawn

See Documents for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

For scheduled <u>public committee hearings</u> For <u>committee reports</u>

Estimates

Additional information tabled

□ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Additional estimates 2004-05 and Budget estimates 2005-06

No reports were tabled

Document tabled

□ Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act* 2005–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–additional information

Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Hayes would replace Mr Byrne on the Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee, and Mr Emerson would replace Ms AE Burke on the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee

Reporting date extended

□ Australia's relationship with China–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 10 November 2005

Notice of motion given

To refer matters to a committee

□ Impact on rural water usage of recent water policy initiatives and the possible role for Commonwealth agencies, and <u>related matters</u>—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2006

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- □ Family carers—moved by Senator Siewert
- National Bilby Day—moved by Senator Trood

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to <u>a motion</u> moved by Senator McLucas about Australian carers

Motion debated

The Senate debated <u>a motion</u> moved by Senator Wong about changes to the Australian welfare system [debated as a matter of public importance—link to <u>first speaker</u>]

Notices of motion

For other <u>notices of motion</u> not mentioned elsewhere

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet A statement of compliance for the Human Services portfolio agencies was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- □ <u>Clerk's documents</u> [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- □ Government documents

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to first question]
- □ Senator Carol Brown (ALP, Tas.) made her <u>first speech</u>
- □ Adjournment debate [link to <u>first speaker</u>]

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